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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.  
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☒ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on May 27, 1994 ☒ This action is made

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), — days from the date of this letter.  
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.        | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.             | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.       |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/>                                                       |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22-24 are pending in the application.  
Of the above, claims — are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims — have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims — are allowed.

4. ☒ Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22-24 are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims — are objected to.

6. ☐ Claims — are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on —. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on —, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed —, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. —; filed on —.

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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15. Examiner acknowledged papers #14, 15, of May 27, 1994 and June 28, 1994 respectively.

16. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant should modify title of invention such that it reflects changes made in claims.

17. Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an Abstract of the Disclosure.

In chemical patent abstracts, compounds or compositions, the general nature of the compound or composition should be given as well as its use, e.g., "The compounds are of the class of alkyl benzene sulfonyl ureas, useful as oral anti-diabetics." Exemplification of a species could be illustrative of members of the class. For processes, the type reaction, reagents and process conditions should be stated, generally illustrated by a single example unless variations are necessary. Complete revision of the content of the abstract is required on a separate sheet.

The examiner notes that the abstract should reflect the changes made in the claims.

18. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

19. Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Takimoto et al. in view of JP 60-92345.

Rejection is maintained.

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Applicant's arguments have been carefully reviewed and considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive because Takimoto suggests steering wheel materials which would include a steering wheel pad. The reference suggests polyvinyl chloride resin and phthalic acid ester components similar to applicant.

Takimoto, by the nature of the materials used, as claimed by applicant recognized implicitly high and low temperatures as evidenced by steering wheel components.

The polyurethane of JP '345 is used not polyethylene.

High low temperatures are implicitly recognized by JP '345 since the materials are used for shoe soles, electric cable coatings and other things not recited. This would be properties related to temperature not explicitly recited.

It still would be obvious for the skilled artisan to produce the claimed steering wheel pad unless some criticality can be demonstrated.

20. Rejections not maintained are withdrawn.

21. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE

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MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

22. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to John Guarriello or Paul Michl, SPE at telephone number (703) 308-3209 or 308-2451.



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